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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015,  
and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. DEUTCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Cooperation Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “United States-Jordan  
5       Defense Cooperation Extension Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

8               (1) Jordan is an instrumental partner in the  
9       fight against terrorism, including as a member of

1 the Global Coalition To Counter ISIS and the Com-  
2 bined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Re-  
3 solve.

4 (2) In 2014, His Majesty King Abdullah stated  
5 that “Jordanians and Americans have been standing  
6 shoulder to shoulder against extremism for many  
7 years, but to a new level with this coalition against  
8 ISIL”.

9 (3) On February 3, 2015, the United States  
10 signed a 3-year memorandum of understanding with  
11 Jordan, pledging to provide the kingdom with  
12 \$1,000,000,000 annually in United States foreign  
13 assistance, subject to the approval of Congress.

14 (4) On February 14, 2018, the United States  
15 signed a new 5-year Memorandum of Understanding  
16 with Jordan in which the United States pledged to  
17 provide no less than \$1,275,000,000 per year, sub-  
18 ject to congressional appropriations, in United  
19 States bilateral foreign assistance to Jordan.

20 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

21 It is the sense of Congress that—

22 (1) Jordan plays a critical role in responding to  
23 the overwhelming humanitarian needs created by the  
24 conflict in Syria;

1           (2) Jordan, the United States, and other part-  
2       ners should continue working together to address  
3       this humanitarian crisis and promote regional sta-  
4       bility, including through support for refugees in Jor-  
5       dan and internally displaced people along the Jor-  
6       dan-Syria border and the creation of conditions in-  
7       side Syria that will allow for the secure, dignified,  
8       and voluntary return of people displaced by the cri-  
9       sis; and

10          (3) the United States should continue to assist  
11       Jordan in creating sustainable economic develop-  
12       ment.

13 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES-JORDAN**  
14 **DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015.**

15       Section 5(a) of the United States-Jordan Defense Co-  
16       operation Act of 2015 (22 U.S.C. 2753 note) is amend-  
17       ed—

18           (1) by striking “During the 3-year period” and  
19       inserting “During the period”; and

20           (2) by inserting “and ending on December 31,  
21       2024” after “enactment of this Act”.

22 **SEC. 5. PURSUING INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR JORDAN.**

23       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
24       end of the transition period, the Chief Executive Officer  
25       of the United States International Development Finance

1 Corporation shall issue a call for proposals pursuing in-  
2 vestment funds with a focus on Jordan, whether as a spe-  
3 cific country fund or as part of a regional fund with Jor-  
4 dan as a significant focus.

5 (b) BRIEFING.—Following the completion of the call  
6 process in subsection (a), the Chief Executive Officer of  
7 the United States International Development Finance  
8 Corporation shall brief the appropriate congressional com-  
9 mittees describing the call process, any proposals sub-  
10 mitted, and any funds approved pursuant to section  
11 1421(c) of the BUILD Act (22 U.S.C. 9621).

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
14 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
15 mittees” means—

16 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
17 the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
18 of Representatives; and

19 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
20 and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
21 Senate.

22 (2) TRANSITION PERIOD.—The term “transi-  
23 tion period” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
24 tion 1461 of the BUILD Act of 2018 (Public Law  
25 115–254; 22 U.S.C. 9681).